

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

DEBRA A. PAULINO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

No. 15-cv-0371-SMV

**CAROLYN W. COLVIN,
Acting Commissioner of Social Security Administration,**

Defendant.

**AGREED ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES UNDER EQUAL
ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT (EAJA)**

THIS MATTER having come before the Court upon Plaintiff's Stipulated Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs Under Equal Access to Justice Act (Doc. # 29), the Court FINDS that the MOTION should be GRANTED.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that attorney fees be, and hereby are, awarded under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), payable to Plaintiff in care of her attorney in the amount of \$3,106.50. *See Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 U.S. 2521 (2010) (EAJA fees are paid to the prevailing party, not the attorney).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT, if Plaintiff's counsel receives attorney fees under both the EAJA and 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) of the Social Security Act, Plaintiff's counsel shall refund the smaller award to Plaintiff pursuant to *Weakley v. Bowen*, 803 F.2d 575, 580 (10th Cir. 1986).



The Honorable Stephan M. Vidmar
United States Magistrate Judge

Submitted by:

s/ Feliz M. Martone

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Approved by:

Email approval July 1, 2016

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